Scœna Secunda.

Enter Falſtaffe, Piſtoll, Robin, Quickly, Bardolffe, Ford.

Fal. I will not lend thee a penny.

Piſt. Why then the world's mine Oyſter, which I, with ſword will open.

Fal. Not a penny, I haue beene content (Sir,) you ſhould lay my countenance to pawne; I haue grated vpon my good friends for three Repreeues for you, and your Coach-fellow *Nim*, or elſe you had look'd through the grate, like a Geminy of Baboones: I am damn'd in hell, for ſwearing to Gentlemen my friends, you were good Souldiers, and tall-fellowes. And when Miſtreſſe *Briget* loſt the handle of her Fan, I took't vpon mine honour thou hadſt it not.

Piſt. Didſt not thou ſhare? hadſt thou not fifteene pence?

Fal. Reaſon, you roague, reaſon; thinkſt thou Ile endanger my ſoule, *gratis*? at a word, hang no more about mee, I am no gibbet for you: goe, a ſhort knife, and a throng, to your Mannor of *Pickt-hatch*; goe, you'll not beare a Letter for mee you roague? you ſtand vpon your honour: why, (thou vnconfinable baſeneſſe) it is as much as I can doe to keepe the termes of my honour preciſe; I, I, I my ſelfe ſometimes, leauing the feare of heauen on the left hand, and hiding mine honor in my neceſſity, am faine to ſhuffle: to hedge; and to lurch, and yet, you Rogue, will en-ſconce your raggs; your Cat-a-Mountaine-lookes, your red-lattice phraſes, & your boldbeating-oathes, vnder the ſhelter of your honor? you will not doe it? you?

Piſt. I doe relent: what would thou more of man?

Robin. Sir, here's a woman would ſpeake with you.

Fal. Let her approach.

Qui. Giue your worſhip good morrow.

Fal.

Fal. Good-morrow, good-wi

Qui. Not ſo, and't pleaſe you

Fal. Good, maid then.

Qui. Ile be ſworne,
As my mother was the firſt hou

Fal. I doe beleeue the ſwearer

Qui. Shall I vouch-ſafe yo
two?

Fal. Two thouſand (faire w
thee the hearing.

Qui. There is one Miſtreſſe
little neerer this waies; I my ſelf
Caius.

Fal. Well, on; Miſtris *Ford*, yo

Qui. Your worſhip ſaies very
come a little neerer this waies.

Fal. I warrant thee, no-bodie
mine owne people.

Qui. Are they ſo? heauen-ble
his Seruants.

Fal. Well; Miſtreſſe *Ford*, wh

Qui. Why, Sir; ſhee's a good-
Worſhip's a wanton: well, heau
ve, I pray.——

Fal. Miſtreſſe *Ford*, come, Miſ

Qui. Marry this is the ſhort
haue brought her into ſuch a C
full; the beſt Courtier of them
at *Windſor*) could neuer haue
narie: yet there has beene Knig
tlemen, with their Coaches; I
Coach, letter after letter, gift aft
ly; all Muske, and ſo ruſhlin
and golde, and in ſuch alligant
and ſugar of the beſt, and the
wonne any womans heart: and
neuer get an eye-winke of her
Angels giuen me this morning,

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